

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A vacuum cleaning head comprising a housing, an agitator for agitating a floor surface, a chamber disposed in the housing for rotatably receiving the agitator, an opening formed in a portion of the chamber adjacent the agitator facing a floor surface, an air turbine driving the agitator, an air inlet in the housing admitting clean air to drive the turbine, and a restricting device arranged fitting in a discharge outlet from the chamber, the restricting device comprising a guide vane projecting outwardly from a wall of the discharge outlet, the guide vane being configured so as to be movable between a restrictive position, in which the restricting device serves to restrict the to restrict a cross-section of the discharge outlet, and an open position, in which the restricting device restricts in a restrictive position, the guide vane being resiliently movable to an open position in response to a flow of debris past the restricting device to restrict the cross-section of the discharge outlet to a lesser extent, the restricting device being movable by the flow of debris from the chamber the restricting device being further configured to return to the restrictive position after the passage of said debris.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) A vacuum cleaning head according to claim [[2]] 1, wherein the guide vane is resiliently biased into the restrictive position.

4. (Previously Presented) A vacuum cleaning head according to claim 3, wherein the guide vane is connected to the wall of the discharge outlet by a resilient member.

5. (Original) A vacuum cleaning head according to claim 4, wherein the resilient member is a spring.

6. (Previously Presented) A vacuum cleaning head according to claim 4, wherein the guide vane is mounted on a piece of resilient material which is secured to a wall of the discharge outlet.

7. (Original) A vacuum cleaning head according to claim 6, wherein the piece of resilient material is generally wedge-shaped.

8. (Currently Amended) A vacuum cleaning head according to ~~any one of claims 2 to 7~~ claim 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7, further comprising a shielding member for shielding the space beneath the guide vane.

9. (Original) A vacuum cleaning head according to claim 8, wherein the shielding member is a piece of compressible material which fits beneath the guide vane.

10. (Previously Presented) A vacuum cleaning head according to claim 9, wherein the compressible material is a foam.

11. (Currently Amended) A vacuum cleaning head according to ~~any one of claims 2 to 7~~ claim 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7, wherein the downstream end of the guide vane is connected to the wall of the discharge outlet by a flexible member.

12. (Original) A vacuum cleaning head according to claim 11, wherein the guide vane and flexible member are formed integrally with one another from a resiliently flexible material.

13. (Currently Amended) A vacuum cleaning head according to ~~any one of claims 2 to 7~~ claim 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7, further comprising a plurality of restricting devices arranged across the discharge outlet.

14. (Currently Amended) A vacuum cleaner comprising a vacuum cleaning head according to ~~any one of claims 2 to 7~~ claim 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Previously Presented) A vacuum cleaning head according to claim 4, wherein the guide vane is formed from an exposed surface of a piece of resilient material which is secured to a wall of the discharge outlet.

17. (Previously Presented) A vacuum cleaning head according to claim 16, wherein the piece of resilient material is generally wedge-shaped.